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# 'Tragedy of the worst kind'

**Chaos.** A fatal explosion rocked East Harlem on Wednesday morning, causing two buildings to collapse and injuring dozens. Several people are still missing. **Infrastructure.** A gas leak is being blamed for the accident that wound up affecting the entire city. **Firsthand.** Shaken witnesses tell their stories. PAGES 2, 4, 5, 6



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## Quoted

*"Suffice it to say that every effort is being expended to locate every one of these individuals."*

Bill de Blasio

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Mayor Bill De Blasio addresses the press near the site where the two buildings collapsed. / GETTY IMAGES

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# Gas leak causes fatal blast in East Harlem

**Blaze.** At least three people are dead after the explosion collapsed two buildings.

A gas leak sparked a large explosion in East Harlem Wednesday morning, killing at least three people, destroying two buildings and sending the surrounding area into chaos.

One of the three people who died in the explosion was Griselde Camacho, a public safety officer with Hunter College, according to the school.

The blast, near 116th Street, collapsed 1644 and 1646 Park Ave. around 9:30 a.m., injuring dozens, including three children, officials said. Two of 27 injured were in critical condition as of Wednesday night.

"This is a tragedy of the worst kind, because there was no indication in time to save people," Mayor Bill de Blasio said during a briefing near from the explosion site.

The deafening blast shattered windows and launched debris onto elevated Metro-North Railroad tracks across the

## History of complaints

**Building in explosion previously cited for housing violations**

City records show that the collapsed East Harlem building destroyed in Wednesday's explosion

was recently cited for 13 different violations, including missing smoke detectors, and at least one blocked fire escape.

The building at 1646 Park Ave. has a litany of living condition violations tracked by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development —

at least 60 violations dating back to 1967.

The violations are unrelated to any concerns about the building's infrastructure, and there are no indications that they had anything to do with the suspected gas leak that destroyed it and the adjacent building.

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## Tragedy

**"This is a tragedy of the worst kind, because there was no indication in time to save people."** De Blasio

street, partially shutting down train service for several hours.

Officials said the blast appears to have been caused by a gas leak reported at 9:13 a.m. from a resident of a nearby apartment, 1652 Park Ave. Though ConEd crews were dispatched to the scene, "the explosion occurred before that team could arrive," de Blasio said.

The fire department received a call of the explosion around 9:30 a.m., offi-

cials said. At least 39 units, including around 250 firefighters, fought flames after the blast.

Blocks surrounding the buildings were submerged in ash and smoke. Witnesses said locals ran from the explosion on streets littered with car parts and glass.

Across the street from the buildings, the powerful blast threw a window fan across Jay Virgo's bedroom.

"It blew me out of my bed," said Virgo, 30.

"I thought maybe a car crashed into the building."

Outside, Virgo said she saw several people lying on the ground in front of the buildings. "They looked lifeless," she said.

Virgo and other locals crowded near police lines in the hours after the blast, waiting for news of loved ones and when they would be allowed home.

The majority of the fire was contained by 3 p.m., with firefighters continuing to battle pockets of isolated flames into the afternoon. Firefighters then began removing debris and combing the wreckage for victims, fire officials said.

Nine occupants of the buildings were still missing, and no new victims

were found as of Wednesday evening, according to the mayor's office. Some nearby areas were inaccessible when a sinkhole opened up after a water main break. It was not immediately clear if the break resulted from or was a factor in the explosion. The search was expected to continue through the night.

Reinaldo Rosario, 48, said he and his girlfriend searched several hours for her brother, who lived in one of the buildings, before being reunited.

"I'm shaking," he said. The National Transportation Safety Board, which oversees pipeline incidents as part of America's transportation system, will investigate the explosion. ConEd operations, including response to the explosion, and the 127-year-old gas pipe will be probed.

"We want to find out not only what happened, but we want to find out why it happened," NTSB Board Member Robert Sumwalt said.

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## Chaotic scene

The streets surrounding the building explosion in East Harlem were submerged in ash and smoke as 250 firefighters rushed to put out the blaze on Wednesday morning. Several blocks around the site of the incident were closed off from the public by the NYPD and many people in the neighborhood donned masks to help filter the air.

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## Collapse. Victims seek shelter, support from the Red Cross

Within several hours of the explosion in Harlem Wednesday, traumatized witnesses and families who had lost loved ones were seeking shelter with the Red Cross.

By early afternoon, the disaster relief organization, coordinating with the Office of Emergency Management, had established a makeshift base at P.S. 57 on 115 Street between Third Avenue and Lexington Avenue, just a few blocks from the site of the blast.

With school still in session, curious children peeked out the windows as Red Cross workers and volunteers unloaded crates of water and food from a truck outside.

Regional Chief External Affairs Officer

### Helping hand

# 50

Approximately 50 families had shown up at the Red Cross shelter by mid-afternoon Wednesday.

Lynn Godfrey said that by about 2:30 p.m., the reception center was hosting several dozen families.

"We have 50-some-odd families so far," Godfrey said. "We have family members, residents, people from nearby buildings. Obviously people are traumatized by this very difficult event."

The services include basic necessities like food, water and blankets, as well as mental health resources aimed at assisting traumatized people.

"We have counselors, case managers," Godfrey said. "We'll be here all day and night, for as long as we're needed. People are very rattled. A lot of the time it's just an ear they need."

Another Red Cross staffer, Michael de Vulpilieres, said before the organization could begin to provide emergency housing it needed to evaluate how many people had been displaced.

EMILY JOHNSON

### Explosion

## Hunter College guard first to be identified

Griselde Camacho, 44, a public safety officer at Hunter College, was killed in Wednesday morning's building explosion in East Harlem.

Camacho had worked for Hunter College since 2008 and was assigned to



Camacho / FACEBOOK

the Silberman School of Social Work building.

"Our hearts go out to Griselde's family at this terrible time," said Jennifer Raab, president of Hunter College. "We know this is a difficult time for all those who knew and worked with Sgt. Camacho, whether at the Silberman School or as part of the public safety office. All of you will be in our thoughts in the

### Quoted

**"We know this is a difficult time for all those who knew and worked with Sgt. Camacho."** Raab

days ahead." Hunter College said it will hold a memorial for Camacho in the near future. ALLEN HOUSTON

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# Witnesses describe the blast

**Shaken.** The exploding building was felt all across the neighborhood.

Nearby residents were literally shaken by the building explosion that occurred on Wednesday morning. They described the scene to Metro.

Sandra Suro, who lives nearby on 115th Street and Madison Avenue, described a horrific scene.

"I thought it was a bomb. It sounded like a bomb. I immediately thought of 9/11. We just saw people running, running, running. It was just

## Far ranging

**"I was a half-mile away and the building began to shake and I smelled smoke."**

Padilla

a scene from 9/11."

Joseph Thomas, who lives on 116th Street and Madison Avenue, said, "It took out the windows and there was stuff flying around in the air. It shook the whole building like a bomb. It was terrible."

Alicia Benjamin said the windows on the other side of her building were blown out. "Ours were intact, thankfully," she said. "We're kind of trying to see if they're going to let us back in anytime soon or if we're going to have to find someplace to be."

Andrew Padilla, 24, is a lifelong East Harlem resident and an independent journalist and filmmaker in the neighborhood. He said, "I heard the explosion. I was a half-mile away and the building began to shake and I smelled smoke. I'm born and raised here, so I wanted to figure out what happened."

Padilla said one of the buildings was still smok-



Superintendent Cesar Trujillo was in the lobby of his building when the explosion happened. / GWEN MCCLURE, METRO

## Terrible reminder

**"We just saw people running, running, running. It was just a scene from 9/11."**

Sandra Suro

ing into the afternoon and that police officers were everywhere.

Padilla said gas and electrical problems are common complaints among his neighbors, adding, "It's unfortunate that it takes a huge explosion for people to pay attention."

Another nearby resident, Anthony Pappalardo, described the ground shaking. "I felt an earthquake before and the explosion was a little stronger than that."

Cesar Trujillo, superintendent of a building at 115th Street and Madison Avenue, was in his lobby when pieces of the ceiling started falling down.

"Everything was shaking," Trujillo said.

Even Molley Mills, who

lives in West Harlem on 115th Street and Eighth Avenue, said she could hear the explosion from her home.

"It sounded like a dump truck making a huge noise right underneath the window in the street," Mills said. "It was very loud, very metallic, but pretty substantial to the point where I thought, 'Wow, what was that?'"

Mills, 45, said she then looked outside and saw smoke billowing in the air.

"The helicopters turned up and sirens were going everywhere — it was just crazy," she said.

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## Police search for robber wearing sagging pants

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The suspect entered the store at 1173 Broadway in Bushwick just before 11 p.m. while smoking a cigarette, police said. When a store clerk asked him to leave, the suspect demanded money. The clerk refused, and the suspect jumped over the counter and assaulted three clerks before fleeing on foot with money from the cash register.

No serious injuries were reported in the robbery, according to police.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 800-577-TIPS (8477).

LAURA SHIN

## Gilded Age

## Wall Street bonuses climb once again

The days of big bonuses are back for Wall Street, according to a report released Wednesday from New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

DiNapoli reported a 15 percent bump from 2013 in average Wall Street bonuses to \$164,530, the largest average bonus since the 2008 financial crisis and the third-highest amount on record.

Securities industry employees make five times more than the rest of the private sector, making it a "major economic engine in the city," DiNapoli reported.

He estimated that the city made \$3.8 billion in fiscal taxes for 2013 and New York State brought in \$10.3 billion.

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# Homeless population rises in New York City

**Shelter.** The number of homeless is at a record high according to report.

New York City's homeless rate rose 7 percent in former Mayor Michael Bloomberg's last year as mayor, with 53,615 people needing a roof over their heads, according to a report released Wednesday by the Coalition for the Homeless.

The report outlined ways Mayor Bill de Blasio can take a proactive approach to helping those in need.

It's not just the number of homeless people that's breaking records. Homeless families stayed at shelters 60 days longer, or 16 percent more than last year.

Child homelessness is



Homelessness has grown 7 percent in the last year. / GETTY IMAGES

## New stance

## Suggestions from report

The Coalition for the Homeless made several proposals within the report. The group suggested Mayor Bill de Blasio take an aggressive stance on building new permanent supportive housing for homeless people living with mental illness and other disabilities, eliminate the "wasteful program" of cluster-site shelter units by converting them back to permanent housing and enhance long-term housing subsidies that will provide a more stable housing situation for families.

## By the numbers

# 100K

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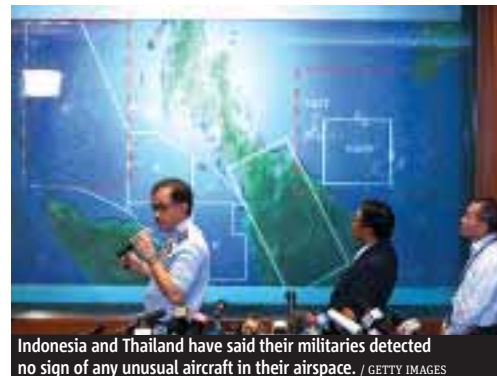
Malaysia's military has traced what could have been the jetliner missing for almost five days to an area south of the Thai island of Phuket, hundreds of miles from its last known position, the country's air force chief said.

After a series of conflicting statements, the latest revelation underlined that authori-

ties remain uncertain even where to look for the plane and are no closer to explaining what happened to flight MH370.

The plane disappeared from radar screens shortly before 1:30 a.m. Saturday, less than an hour after taking off from Kuala Lumpur, as it flew northeast across the mouth of the Gulf of Thailand.

REUTERS



Indonesia and Thailand have said their militaries detected no sign of any unusual aircraft in their airspace. / GETTY IMAGES

### Regulations

## Obama to boost number of workers eligible for overtime

President Barack Obama will seek to increase the number of people eligible to earn overtime pay by updating regulations that exempt many supervisors, managers and office workers from getting paid for working extra hours, a White House official said on Wednesday.

Obama will ask the Labor Department today to look at regulations governing overtime, and whether to hike the salary threshold above which employers are not required to pay overtime. The threshold was last raised in 2004 to \$455 per week.

It is another in a series of populist measures Obama is promoting ahead of November mid-term elections as Democrats try to appeal to voters and keep control of the Senate. REUTERS

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# Sandusky's wife claims that he is innocent, victims were manipulated

## Child sexual abuse.

The case shattered Penn State's storied football program.

The wife of convicted child molester and former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky said on Wednesday that he was innocent and that the victims who testified against him were manipulated for money.

In her first television interview on the subject, Dottie Sandusky said on NBC's "Today" show that she believed her husband's contention that he had never molested boys, including incidents in their home in State College, Pa.

Jerry, 70, a former defensive coordinator at Pennsylvania State University, was convicted of 45 counts of child sex abuse. He was sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison for



Jerry Sandusky and his wife, Dottie / GETTY IMAGES

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The former coach's \$4,900-a-month pension was revoked when he was sentenced. The decision also ended benefits for his wife, and Jerry Sandusky is trying to have the pension restored.

abusing 10 boys over the course of 15 years, including on campus.

"I think they were manipulated. Once lawyers came into the case, they said there was money," Dottie said of the victims who testified in the 2012 trial.

Asked about newspaper commentators' contention that she was complicit in the abuse, Dottie said, "I'm not a weak spouse. As you know, they called me 'Sarge' because Jerry said I kept everybody in line. If they want to say that, let them say that."

Penn State said in October it had paid \$60 million to 26 men to settle the bulk of claims against it stemming from the scandal. They included one from the Sanduskys' adopted son, Matt. Dottie told "Today" she believed her husband's contention that he was innocent.

"I definitely believe him, because if I didn't believe him ... when I testified at trial I could not have said what I said. I would have had to tell the truth," she said.

Dottie was joined in the interview by documentary filmmaker John Ziegler, who believes Jerry is innocent and has interviewed him in prison. **REUTERS**

## Mystery

Maryland mall shooter may have copied Columbine, police say

The gunman who killed two store employees at a Maryland mall this year did not know his victims and may have been obsessed with the 1999 Columbine High School massacre, police said on Wednesday.

The shooter, Darion Marcus Aguilar, 19, opened fire at a Columbia mall on Jan. 25 while it was crowded with Saturday shoppers. After the attack, he killed himself with his 12-gauge Mossberg shotgun.

Investigators have been unable to find any connection between Aguilar and the employees he gunned down at a Zumiez Inc. skateboard store, the Howard County Police Department's investigation found. Aguilar worked at a doughnut shop.

"Nobody saw this coming. He was a young man that did not garner much attention to himself," Police Chief William McMahon told a news conference.

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## Bill of rights

### Web founder Berners-Lee calls for online 'Magna Carta' to protect users

The inventor of the World Wide Web, Tim Berners-Lee, called on Wednesday for bill of rights to protect freedom of speech on the Internet and users' rights after leaks about government surveillance of online activity.

Exactly 25 years since he invented the web, Berners-Lee said there was a need for a charter like England's historic Magna Carta to help guarantee fundamental principles online. **REUTERS**



## Mobile boom

### 'The Walking Dead' game maker raises \$6 million in funding round

Finnish start-up Next Games has raised \$6 million in funding in the latest of several venture capital investments in the Nordic country's booming mobile games industry, the company said on Wednesday.

Founded in 2013 by former employees of Rovio and Supercell, which are known for their hit games "Angry Birds" and "Clash of Clans" respectively, Next Games said it was working on a mobile game based on the U.S. TV series "The Walking Dead." The company added in a statement it also had a second game in the making.

The money for the so-called Series A funding round mainly came from the United States and Asia. **REUTERS**

## Civil action

### In Tokyo, lawsuit raised red flags on Mt. Gox funding, compliance

Two months before Mt. Gox filed for bankruptcy it was sued by a customer seeking the return of funds in a case that highlights some of the red flags raised in the run-up to the collapse of the bitcoin exchange.

New York resident Marko Simovic filed a civil action at the Tokyo District Court on Dec. 24, seeking to recover \$105,000 he had on deposit at Mt. Gox and about \$14,000 in interest, court filings show. **REUTERS**



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Michal Vapenka of the Czech Republic celebrates after a goal was scored by Tomas Kvach during the Ice Sledge Hockey Classification match between Korea and the Czech Republic.

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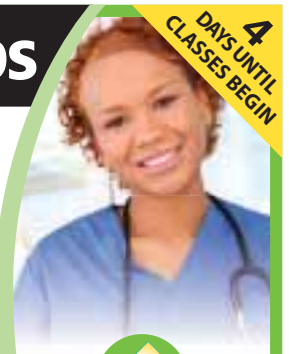
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## Expert: Pistorius smashed door with bat

Double amputee Oscar Pistorius was standing on his stumps when he smashed down a locked toilet door to reach his shot girlfriend, a South African police forensic expert said on Wednesday, countering the Olympic star's assertion he was wearing his prosthetic legs at the time. Wielding the cricket bat in his hands, police Col. Johannes Vermeulen knelt down before swinging it at the wooden door in a courtroom reconstruction to show the angle of the marks and to suggest they could only have been made by someone much shorter than him. The 27-year-old track star is charged with the murder of model and law graduate Reeva Steenkamp, whom he shot through the locked toilet door on Valentine's Day last year. **REUTERS** / GETTY IMAGES



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## Talking point

### Swift gives Gomez the boot

Selena Gomez is reportedly learning the hard way that reuniting with Justin Bieber might cost her a friend or two, as Taylor Swift has started giving Gomez the cold shoulder recently, according to *Us Weekly*. But while Gomez's

reunion with Bieber in Texas for the SXSW music festival this week is the last straw as far as Swift is concerned, her distrust of Gomez apparently started last June, when Gomez reportedly "used" Swift's pal Ed Sheeran to make Bieber jealous. "After Selena pulled that move, Taylor started distancing herself," a source says.

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Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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## The Lindsay Lohan sex list

The men Lindsay Lohan has slept with are way more impressive than the people she's worked with.

In a "world exclusive," *In Touch Weekly* somehow got its hands on Lindsay Lohan's conquest list, and the names are a who's who of Hollywood elite. Some of the biggies? Heath Ledger, Adam Levine, Zac Efron, Justin Timberlake, Joaquin Phoenix, Colin Farrell, Evan Peters,

Wilmer Valderrama and Jamie Dornan.

Apparently, Lohan worked on the list while drinking with friends at the Beverly Hills Hotel on Jan. 30, 2013. (I mean, who hasn't written down all of the famous stars they have slept with, amiright?) "It was her personal conquest list. She was trying to impress her friends with the list and then tossed it aside," a source tells the mag, which reprinted the handwritten list. The source notes that Lohan had to think about the names, "as if she had to remind herself of who they were."

However — and this is juicy — some of the names have been redacted for legal reasons, signaling that some of the men on the list could be married actors. Uh-oh.

True or not, this pleases me to no end. This list is the most interesting work of art Lohan has worked on in years.

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## Little bump in the Big Apple

Kristin Cavallari, who is married to Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler, flaunts her baby bump in New York City on Wednesday. The couple, who are already parents to son Camden Jack, revealed last month via Instagram that they were expecting another boy.

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# 'We don't have any rules'



**SXSW.** The members of Warpaint discuss their sound and the sounds they're eager to hear in Texas.

When the members of Warpaint sit down in the lobby café of the Omni Hotel in Austin, Texas, half of them order beers. It's a quarter past noon. But this anecdote is a little misleading; the band are taking it easy compared to the SXSW Music Conference in 2011, when they played 13 shows in four days.

"When you start touring and you start playing festivals, you realize, 'Oh my God, we're going to meet all of these artists that we love and we're actually contemporaries and part of this whole movement,'" says Theresa Wayman, who sings and plays guitar for the band.

"It's kind of debauch-

erous," adds Emily Kokal, who sings and plays guitar too. "We don't have any rules. It's just what feels good. We've gotten better at listening to ourselves and figuring out what we want."

Warpaint are only playing six SXSW shows this year, giving themselves a break, and they all seem eager to take in sets by some of those contemporaries and new performers.

Wayman mentions the R&B singer BANKS.

## Quoted

**"It's kind of debauchorous. You enjoy it in a different way each time. We don't have any rules. It's just what feels good. We've gotten better at listening to ourselves and figuring out what we want."**

Emily Kokal, on touring

"There's this one song that is really amazing," she says. "It's called, 'This Is What It Feels Like.'"

She produces her phone and plays the song for her bandmates. The conversation turns to En Vogue, the '90s vocal group who Wayman says she used to watch video footage of as a kid. Although the influence is not immediately apparent on Warpaint's self-titled second album, it makes sense. Their vocal notes are drawn out in a way that it's easy to forget they're words and not just sounds, and the harmonies float above as instruments drive like classic alternative rock. The sound is somewhere between En Vogue and The Cure.

"Soul is embedded in all of us," says Kokal, "just like a lot of different musical stylings, but it's not illuminated that we all like to dance. That's something that ties us all together."



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Toward the end of the conversation, a girl approaches with a question. "Have you guys seen a ring that looks like

this," she asks, holding up her finger. After a moment she finds the ring that had fallen off when she had been sitting there. She says thank you and exits.

Wayman giggles as

she reveals that the girl who had lost the ring is the singer she's most excited to hear play SXSW. "That's BANKS!"

"She was really upset and cute," says Kokal. "That song is amazing."

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Aaron Paul has a need for speed — which is to say driving fast, not a drug that's not meth. / MELINDA SUE GORDON

**2** 'Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club'

Has it already been three months since the last Tyler Perry film? This time he rounds up a diverse batch — Nia Long, Amy Smart, Cocoa Brown and Wendi McLendon-Covey — to bond. There's also the great Terry Crews.

**3** 'Bad Words'

Jason Bateman steps behind the camera in this dark comedy, in which he also plays a 40-year-old who exploits a loophole in spelling bee rules and starts clobbering junior geniuses at competitions.

**5** 'Veronica Mars'

You paid for this movie to happen, now pay again

to see it. Funded in part by Kickstarter, the junior sleuth show finds its hero (Kristen Bell) lured back to Neptune, Calif., when her old boyfriend is accused of murder.

**6** 'Enemy'

The first of two doppelganger movies of the season based on books called "The Double" — the other tackles Dostoyevsky and boasts two Jesse Eisenbergs — this take on Jose Saramago's novel has Jake Gyllenhaal discovering that there's another Jake Gyllenhaal.

**7** 'Le Week-end'

Jim Broadbent and Lesley Duncan play an

unhappy couple who decide to celebrate their 30th in Montmartre in an attempt to rekindle their marriage. Luckily, they run into Jeff Goldblum.

**8** 'The Art of the Steal'

Kurt Russell hasn't headlined a film since 2007's "Death Proof," but here he is in a low-budget heist picture about the pursuit of a Seurat. The onetime A-lister is joined by Jay Baruchel, Matt Dillon and Terrence Stamp.

**9** '300: Rise of an Empire'

Zack Snyder's homophobic yet homoerotic Spartan bloodbath gets a belated sequel, or a rather side-sequel. The less-chronicled Battle of Artemisium is the focus this time around, and best of all there's Eva Green as a warrior queen who likes to make out with freshly decapitated heads.

**10** 'Mr. Peabody & Sherman'

Rocky and Bullwinkle don't have the greatest track record when it comes to movie adaptations (including the Brendan Fraser-starring "Dudley Do-Right"). But here we go again, with the history-themed dog-and-boy segments transformed into a time travel movie.

## Must-see

## 'The Grand Budapest Hotel'

**4** The latest Wes Anderson joint probably won't win over detractors, but that's their loss. The filmmaker goes so far as to create his own country, where a concierge (Ralph Fiennes) gets involved in some business after banging an octogenarian dowager (Tilda Swinton).



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Hawks stripped everything down to pure momentary pleasures. "Hatari!" — the filmmaker's fifth-to-last outing from 1962 — was actually created without any overreaching story to connect its episodes.

Granted, it's not for everyone, being a 159-minute vacation in East Africa, offering viewers the chance to hob-nob with those who catch wild animals and sell

them to zoos. There's a lot of adventure, and in front of an international cast is John Wayne, who would call it the most fun he ever had making a picture. Whether the good times

extend to the audience depends on the individual audience members. Get into its leisurely vibe, and it's heaven; if you can't, it's almost certainly a slog, albeit an undeniably

gorgeous one. Even more so than any of his other pictures, "Hatari!" has the room for Hawks and his cast to stretch out, pull up a chair and sip on a drink, unencumbered by anything but the occasional, rip-roaring trek. One on hand, it's almost avant-garde in how little plot it has. On the other, it's a literal definition of escapist cinema.



## Also out



## 'Out of the Furnace'

Slipped into theaters to take advantage of its name cast, this is actually a gruesomely bleak drama in a Joe Thompson/Cormac McCarthy vein, with Christian Bale trying to save his brother (Casey Affleck) from red-neck meth monsters.

## 'Giant'

For size, "Hatari!" has nothing on George Stevens' 1956 monstrosity, which follows Rock Hudson's Texas oil baron battling a nouveau riche baron (James Dean, in his final turn) over some 3 1/2 hours.



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## Also out

## 'George Washington'

Director David Gordon Green had an odd sideline from moody indies to mainstream comedies ("Pineapple Express,"

"Your Highness"). But he's back with low-budgets now, with the Nicolas Cage-starring "Joe" forthcoming. And his stunning 2000 debut — a rhapsodic look at low-income kids — is now on Blu-ray.

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# EVA GREEN

The "300: Rise of an Empire" star talks playing a villain and her reluctance to take off her shirt for art.

## BREAKING BAD



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Eva Green was looking for an all-out villain to sink her teeth into. She got that and more with the role of Artemisia in "300: Rise of an Empire." Green sat down with us to discuss playing nuts, using sex as a weapon and the allure of the mystical side of things.

### You're playing a real villain here.

It's pure villainy. You know, lots of actors will go, "No, she has cracks, she's human." And of course you learn about her backstory and how she's been betrayed and it has hardened her. The only challenge is to find maybe some jubilation in this because she's just mental. She has no conscience and she can't tolerate incompetence, and anybody who doesn't follow her orders, just: "Off with his head!" You can't do that in real life.

### Not for very long, at least.

No. [Laughs] I think everybody would like to do that sometimes. She's just so dark, she doesn't care. She's so disrespectful. She's a real baddie.

**You also have one of the more aggressive sex scenes in this.**

I mean, it's more of a fight

scene than a sex scene, really. It's so violent that it was kind of staged as a fight scene. I love when it's kind of clinical. Even a normal sex scene, they go: "You put your hand here and you go here." "How do you do? We're going to have sex." [Laughs] And here it's two warriors having sex. They deal with violence every day, and this is how they do it. It's kind of S&M without the leather. It's not very romantic, let's say.

### As a professional actress, how do you know when screen nudity is worth it? This isn't a Bertolucci film.

Of course I never do things where I'm like, "Oh yeah, I'd like to show my boobs!" You always feel very vulnerable. I remember when the Bertolucci film ["The Dreamers"] came out, that's the only thing that people talked about. I mean, it is about sexuality and the awakening of the senses, whatever, but I was like, "Why?" In this, it's kind of a weapon. She thinks that if she f—s him, maybe he would join her and fight with her.



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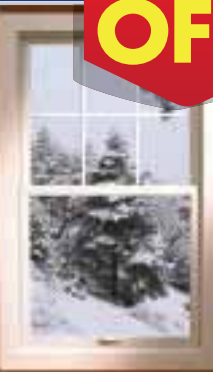
**You're also wrapping up filming on your new Showtime series, "Penny Dreadful." How's that going?**

This one, psychologically, it's hard. I love it, but it's so intense that I can't wait to lie down on a beach and have a tequila very soon. [Laughs] I might end up in a cuckoo home after this TV series. But I know how to read the future with tarot cards now, which is

kind of cool, to connect with the universe and all this, the elements — it sounds like kind of witchcraft, but it makes you [become] more aware of yourself and be connected to the Earth. I'm not a professional, obviously, but I've done some good readings. Even to myself, I'll do it. It helps you. To learn how to combine all those cards together ... it's quite fascinating.

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It's a familiar cycle: Christmas and New Year's Eve come and go, and we pull ourselves through January by splurging on brand-new clothes for spring. But by the time March arrives, we don't want our expensive new spring garb anymore and are coveting next season's trends instead.

It's a cruel aspect of the fashion industry. Despite spring/summer '14 not even technically having

arrived yet, pastel pinks are feeling old hat and we're already craving next season's Marni fur coats, Burberry blankets and '60s mini-dresses a la Versace instead.

Your March rent money may have already been spent on everything floral, sporty and slider-ish. So you don't waste your next paycheck too, we're helping to satisfy your craving for trendy new clothes with a run-through of next season's must-haves that you can totally jump on early.

These highlights all guarantee two seasons' worth of wearing pleasure for the price of one.

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## Swinging '60s

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## Roll-neck sweaters

Peeking out from coats, cardigans and dresses, roll-neck sweaters are set to be big news next season — and our necks couldn't be happier. OK, a swamping cashmere turtleneck knit isn't exactly height-of-summer appropriate, but before city weather gets sticky, make the most of thinner versions before going extra chunky for winter.



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*I've got a quick question and it's kinda weird. My girlfriend has had a dildo for some time and, recently, she has grown quite fond of it. That is until three days ago, when the damn thing caught on fire next to her dresser while she was in the shower. (I knocked the dresser not knowing there was a lit candle next to it.) Is the dildo still safe to use? I managed to get all the wax off, but it still has some burns on it and it smells like burnt rubber. Is it toxic to use internally?*

Are you serious?! Sir, you are the reason I love writing this column. As anyone who's ever signed up for Tinder, OkCupid, Match.com, JDate or any other dating site can attest, anything is possible — and, thanks to the Internet, we can all find out about it. I appreciate your sharing.

I'll take you at your word and assume that the situation above actually occurred. Worst case scenario, you've given everyone a laugh, something we can all appreciate. Best case scenario, you truly need advice, and my tips will serve to improve your sex life and also aid others in similar situations. Either way, thank you.

## Read my advice

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Does the old "you break it, you buy it" rule apply to sex toys?

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print and online every other Thursday, I answer questions from Metro readers to provide the public with useful, important sexual health information to improve your relationships. This education is meant to be additive: The more you read, the more you know. To get a sex toy safety primer, check out my previous column, "Are your sex toys safe? We ask an expert" on Metro's website. It's a great starting point.

## Remember your health

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## TV. A new show on Bravo takes a look at the ways that guys navigate the online dating world

Forty million people date online, so it's safe to say that meeting online is the new normal. Now Bravo wants to give you online dating from a male point of view with their new show "Online Dating Rituals of the American Male." The show will follow a bunch of guys while they try to find love, sex or something else online.

One of the men on the show is 33-year-old Ephraim Hirschfeld, from Marina del Rey, California.

Hirschfeld says online dating is a matter of convenience. "I have a 9-year-old son, who I have almost full-time. I simply didn't have a lot of time for going out to meet people."

Hirschfeld started dating online at the end of 2010, and his favorite site is Match.com. The first time he went on there, he dated the first girl who wrote him for over a year.

"So I figured why not



Ephraim Hirschfeld shows his dad the ropes.  
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go back to [Match.com] again," he laughs. At first Hirschfeld didn't tell his friends that he was online dating. He's a lot less shy about it now that he is on a TV show about it, though.

As for his online dating techniques, he's basically just following his best judgment. "I usually read what a woman has written

and try to understand if we are a good match. I'm trying to make it clear that I've read what she's written and taken the time to understand who she is, and I'll make a thoughtful reply."

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# Worst karaoke songs

**Just say 'no.'** Drag queen Martha Graham Cracker shares her advice on the worst tunes to belt out in the karaoke booth.

Martha Graham Cracker is more than just your average drag queen — she is a force. The 6-foot-8-inch towering (and decidedly hairy) persona of Philadelphia actor Dito Van Reigersberg, Martha and her very willing back-up band tackle cabaret standards and '80s pop hits with dedication and a ferocious glee. She returns this Friday to perform two shows at Joe's Pub with the Martha Graham Cracker Cabaret. "I can always say that something weird and uncanny and physically dangerous will occur," she recently told us about her performances.

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master of cover songs, we asked her which hits are the most deadly when the average mortal tries to sing them, whether in a karaoke booth or shower. Amateurs, take note.

## 'American Pie' by Don McLean

"It's way, way, way, way, way too long. Plus, it is completely irresponsible

to take people into an allegory about rock 'n' roll and Jesus Christ if you can't get them out of it."

## 'I Will Survive' by Gloria Gaynor

"For one thing, this song is simply overdone. Second, Gaynor did it best, so just leave it to her. And finally, there's probably no room to dance at said karaoke

bar, and this song always makes me want to dance."

## Any Song from a Disney movie

"We're adults, people."

## 'Bohemian Rhapsody' by Queen

"Anyone who isn't the divine Freddy Mercury will crack on those high notes. The first half is fine, but once you get to the operatic choral part, it all falls apart."

## 'Castle on a Cloud' from 'Les Misérables'

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# Spring into new beers

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# 'I think I was a DJ before I realized that I really wanted to be one'

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**Hey Mister DJ.** NYC partiers know Jonathan Toubin's name. Now, here's his story.

Jonathan Toubin's New York Night Train parties are synonymous with NYC nightlife. He took the old formula of a DJ spinning songs for jaded 20-somethings at a bar and created an all-out dance party that runs on soul 45s, adrenaline and style. And he's well-respected in the biz too: Last year, Toubin became the first DJ to have an entire night at Lincoln Center's Midsummer Night Swing, and he was the first DJ to have an entire official SXSW showcase. He moved his Soul Clap & Dance-Off party from Glasslands to Brooklyn Bowl, toured Europe, spun in Australia and has continued to grow his parties more and more with time. By incorporating a variety of talented guests like hula hoopers, visual artists and go-go dancers into his shows, he keeps his parties exciting and new. Did we mention he's also a really nice guy?

Toubin got his start as a

guitarist in Austin, Texas. After moving to NYC, he began spinning at Motor City Bar weekly, with special guests like Bob Bert of Sonic Youth/Pussy Galore and Gibby Haynes of the Butthole Surfers, quickly earning a solid reputation in the industry. In years since Toubin has featured guests like legendary NYC No Wave artist James Chance, The Dead Kennedys' Jello Biafra, party machine Andrew W.K. and more.

Not bad for an artist whose first gig made him feel "very lucky." "I got paid \$35 and [got] free beer," he says. At the time he

considered himself more of an "anti-record collector" with no aspirations of becoming a DJ. Now, well into his DJ career, he has chosen to strictly spin 45 records. "I decided that I would try to become the kind of DJ I would like to see, hear and dance to the most," he says.

Toubin's nights can be characterized by the creaking floorboards beneath the dance shoes of every attendee. The sounds of '50s and '60s soul permeate — music he was turned on to at a young age when his stepdad gave him the first

two 13th Floor Elevators albums, Love's first record and Pink Floyd's "Saucer Full of Secrets." He bought the first two Nuggets punk comps and sought out records by the little-known '60s bands on them. He got into blues and soul music by watching the "Blues Brothers," "Animal House," and Eddie Murphy's "James Brown Celebrity Hot Tub" sketch on "SNL."

"I think it's fitting that John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, and Eddie Murphy introduced me to soul music, as the aesthetic of the Soul Clap and Dance-Off parties has always been none-too-precious," says Toubin.

JAY HONSTETTER  
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If you go

## Jonathan Toubin

Toubin can be found spinning on almost any given night. His signature Shakin' All Over Under Sideways Down parties weekly at Home Sweet Home, his monthly Soul Clap & Dance-Off parties at Brooklyn Bowl and numerous other events are listed on his website, [www.newyork-nighttrain.com](http://www.newyork-nighttrain.com).

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## sweet: New York

Thursday, 6 p.m.  
The Bowery Hotel,  
335 Bowery  
\$100-\$150, 646-672-4253  
www.doe.org  
The Doe Fund hosts its third annual tasting event to raise money for its Ready, Willing & Able program. Restaurants include Dinosaur BBQ, Payard Patisserie, Terri Organic and more. Lend a hand to the homeless by trying some of the best dishes NYC has to offer.

## Rare Barrel-Aged Beer Night: 10 Limited Allagash Beers

Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Clinton Hall,  
90 Washington St.  
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## Chaos Cooking: Ode to Ireland

March 16, 6 p.m.  
Court Street Collective,  
371 Court St., Carroll Gardens  
\$19, www.chaoscooking.com  
Everyone grab your oven mitts! In true St. Patty's form O'Hara's will be providing the booze while every attendee prepares an Irish-themed dish. Eat, drink and be merry with food, friends and cheer. Be sure to bring enough ingredients so everyone can taste your dish.

**ART**

## The New York Naked Painting Party - World Tour Kick off!

Thursday, 8 p.m.  
The Highline Loft Space,  
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\$30, www.eventbrite.com

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You might not want to sit in the front row without a pair of goggles or a shammy. / PROVIDED

## 4th Annual American Human Beatbox Festival

Thursday-March 16, 10 p.m.  
The Club at La MaMa, 74A E. Fourth St.; \$15-\$20, 212-475-7710; www.lamama.org  
Beatboxing has come a long way since the days of The Fat Boys and Doug E. Fresh. For three days competitors will take the stage to battle out in a series of contests and open mics to see whose mouth can really keep the beat. There will be special appearances by 2013 Beatrhythme Battle and Vocal Wars winners Kaila Mullady, Baba Israel and Yako 440.

**TALKS**

## Ask Roulette

Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Housing Works Bookstore Café  
126 Crosby St.  
Free, 212-334-3324  
www.askroulette.net  
You've got questions, and maybe somebody has answers. Join in as strangers ask each other questions on stage in front of a live audience. No one can ask a question without answering one first and questions can be funny, weird, serious or whatever. Special guests include TV critic Matt Zoller Seitz.



Don't be afraid to ask a question. This won't turn into a scene out of "The Deer Hunter." / PROVIDED

Drop your pants at the door and transform into a naked Bob Ross painting happy little trees on your nude friends. Everyone paints each other, enjoys an open bar and runs around in the nude. The party is limited to 100 guests; no creeps please.

## Piece Opening Reception

Saturday, 7 p.m.  
SHNY, 116 Suffolk St., Free, pieceartshownyc.tumblr.com  
Good graffiti isn't just the work of some random kid with a can of spray paint who decides to scribble something and run. Artists spend hours with their sketchbooks coming up with ideas and working them into pieces. A group of them will be at SHNY with their pads, demonstrating the process of a

piece from start to finish. Works will be for sale and on display.

**TALKS**

## Yum's the Word presents "Just Desserts: Stories of Payback"

**ART**

## The Black Fives

Friday-July 20  
New-York Historical Society,  
170 Central Park West  
\$18, 212-873-3400  
www.nyhistory.org  
This exhibition covers the history of African-American basketball teams from the early 1900s to 1950, when the NBA became racially integrated. The New-York Historical Society and the Black Fives Foundation partner up to present this exhibition with artifacts, memorabilia, photographs and more.



Charles "Tarzan" Cooper helped lead the New York Renaissance to 88 straight wins between 1932-33.

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Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
(Le) Poisson Rouge,  
158 Bleecker St.  
\$10-\$15, 212-505-3474  
www.lepoissonrouge.com  
Host Robin Gelfenbien throws a birthday party for an audience member complete with balloon animals, Mad Libs and homemade ice cream cake. The icing on the cake is a selection of storytellers, including Kevin Allison (creator and host of the storytelling show, "RISK!"), sharing tales of "payback." Have your cake and eat it, too.

## March Mathness

Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
National Museum of Mathematics, 11 E. 26th St.  
\$100, 212-542-0566  
www.momath.org  
No, it's not Mike Tyson trying to say March Madness. Davidson College's Dr. Tim Chartier and bracketology expert Glen Whitney will demonstrate how to pick your March Madness bracket by using math. March Mathness will provide access to computer software that'll assist you in your decision-making process. Did you know Warren Buffett is offering \$1 billion for a perfect bracket in this year's men's NCAA Division I basketball tournament? Put that in your palms and dunk it.

**FILM**

## Wythe Cinema Presents NY-Premiere of "Good Vibrations"

Friday, 7 p.m.  
Wythe Hotel, 80 Wythe Ave., Williamsburg, \$10, 718-460-8000  
www.brownpapertickets.com/

event/594198  
It may not be about the Beach Boys, but in celebration of its iTunes release, Irish Film New York, The Irish Film Board and Under The Milky Way present this screening of "Good Vibrations." A music lover/radical in 1970s war-torn Belfast opens a record shop and finds a place for himself in the underground punk scene. Imagine a punk-rock Brian Wilson with a mohawk!

**PARTY**

## Babar-Themed Parent-Free Pajama Party

Friday, 6 p.m.  
Brooklyn Explorers Academy/  
Neda, 110 Schermerhorn St./  
302 Court St., Brooklyn  
\$15, 855-687-6923 Ext. 1  
www.brooklynexplorersacademy.com  
We know how much you love your child but we also know you need a shop-and-Champagne-kinda night every now and then. Dress your kids in the coolest PJs for their parentless slumber party while you head over to Neda to explore the racks for new spring clothes and sip on free bubbly. Don't accidentally stay at the slumber party and send your child to Neda — there could be some problems. JAY HONSTETTER

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## Horoscope

**Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.** Financial or career gains could be heading your way. Approach your boss for a raise or send out your resume.

**Aries | March 21-April 20.** Consider reconnecting with an old friend and take advantage of any travel deals that turn up. Romance is on the rise. A personal change is apparent.

**Taurus | April 21-May 21.** Look after your interests. Some information you receive will be inaccurate. To save costly delays, you should verify information.

**Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Change is in the air. Check out real estate opportunities. Find an interesting property and ask about it.

**Cancer | June 21-July 22.** Keep your dealings with others to a minimum. Someone will consider your goals unrealistic. Don't waste time trying to persuade others.

**Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** Put your creativity to good use. Channel your energy into a project that interests you. If you do something that you find stimulating, you will make new friends along the way.

**Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Your plans are gaining momentum. Keep up the pace if you want to avoid being sidetracked by someone trying to outmaneuver you.

**Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** If you keep an eye out, you will find an attractive deal. Muster up some courage and go after your dreams. You are likely to redeem some benefits.

**Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.** You will run into several pitfalls if you don't take measures to ensure your success. Be happy with the results you achieve.

**Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.** Let your adventurous side take over. Feel free to try something new, but don't overestimate your abilities.

**Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.** Some of your relationships may have grown stale or unfulfilling. Look for new things to stimulate your mind.

**Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.** It's time to effect some necessary changes. Whether it's to adjust your financial or physical situation, it's a good day to take action.  
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## Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Crossword

## Across

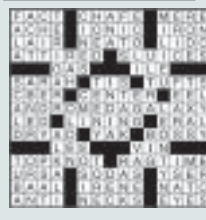
- 1 Picture border
- 4 Footnote word
- 8 Splice, in botany
- 13 Comet — Bopp
- 14 Nerve network
- 15 100 kopecks
- 16 Buffalo's lake
- 17 Manchurian river
- 18 Actor — Welles
- 19 Eighteen-wheeler
- 20 Minced words
- 22 Good evening, Pierre
- 24 Lugosi of "Dracula"
- 25 Ques. opposite
- 26 Wig
- 28 I, for Wolfgang
- 31 Battery units
- 34 Area
- 35 Plenty, for a poet
- 36 Sunblock additive
- 37 Goes without food
- 38 Floor
- 39 Bosses, briefly
- 40 Two-BR units
- 41 Foreshadows
- 42 Walk softly
- 43 Ms. Martinelli
- 44 Kyoto honorific
- 45 Get boring
- 47 Type of paint
- 51 Biased
- 55 "Yuck!"

## Down

- 1 Andretti or Puzo
- 2 Adjust the tires
- 3 Casual wear
- 4 Euphrates people
- 5 Express doubts
- 6 Needle case
- 7 Game show name
- 8 Local merchant
- 9 Bucolic
- 10 Didn't vote
- 11 Ice sheet
- 12 Lean toward
- 13 Mint or marjoram
- 20 Practically forever
- 21 Stage awards
- 23 Cloys
- 26 Shade-loving plant
- 27 Formic acid producers
- 29 Bay
- 30 Road map info
- 31 Mae West persona

- 32 Ms. Korbut
- 33 Sayer's Wimsey (2 wds.)
- 34 Channel-surfs
- 35 Piano-key wood
- 37 Cascades
- 41 Medieval entertainer
- 43 Slurs together
- 44 Vistas
- 46 Astaire sister
- 47 Stage whisper
- 48 "Hasta —, Pedro!"
- 49 Arctic dwelling
- 50 "Moonstruck" Oscar-winner
- 51 Futuristic sound
- 52 Meter maid of song
- 53 A little, to Liszt
- 54 Hound's trail
- 58 Snapshot

## Yesterday's answer



## Letters

## Date rape is still rape

**Re: 'Is the only way to "Marry Smart"?' (Metro, March 11)** As a psychotherapist who has had the opportunity and privilege to do trauma work with rape survivors for the past 30 years, I was saddened and upset to read the quotes in Susan Patton's interview about her views on date rape. Unfortunately, she is totally mistaken about what constitutes rape, and I believe that she has inadvertently triggered traumatic responses in readers by belittling this crime. Many rape survivors suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. He foolish comments uttered so blithely further exacerbate the enormous wound that rape survivors suffer. **WENDY FORMAN, PH.D., VIA EMAIL**

## US should put out its own fires

I read several articles about the Russian invasion of Crimea. But when I tried to discuss them with my Russian friends here, most of them expressed hostility toward U.S. involvement. Their main idea is: We have a lot of our own problems here, economic, financial, etc. Why do we need to help others, while forgetting the American people? Minimum wage, Social Security and other benefits are being cut, and skyrocketing prices are increasing.

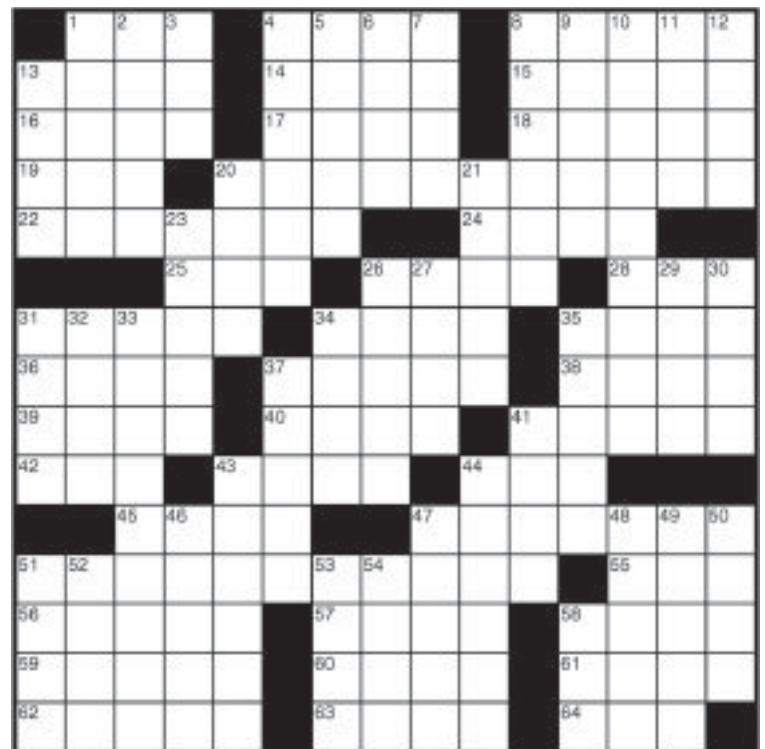
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## SPORTS

Lakers' bad luck

### Bryant out for season

Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, a 16-time All Star, won't suit up again this season after a checkup on his fractured left leg showed he hadn't healed enough to begin rehab yet. He last played Dec. 17 and missed the start of the season after tearing his Achilles last season.

# Anthony: Jackson will be 'coming aboard' Knicks

**NBA.** Despite the news, Anthony said it will not affect whether he returns to the team.

Knicks star Carmelo Anthony knows about as much as most about the possible hiring of Phil Jackson to work in the team's front office. But he's already looking forward to the possibility.

"You can always use Phil Jackson inside an organization — his philosophy, his mind-set, his résumé, what he brings to a team, what he brings to an organization," Anthony told reporters at the morning shootaround before Wednesday's game in Boston. "That goes without even saying, so we'll see



Jackson was honored along with the Knicks' 1973 NBA championship team last April. / GETTY IMAGES

how that plays out."

Jackson has won 11 NBA titles as a head coach — six with the Bulls and five with the Lakers. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2007.

But Jackson will not be

joining the team as coach. He was reportedly offered the role — despite Mike Woodson still holding that role — but turned it down. He has said he is interested in a front office job, similar to Pat Riley's in Miami.

Anthony told reporters he has not talked to Jackson, but management told him earlier this week it will happen.

"I still don't have a lot of the details, all the details," Anthony said. "Have

I heard? Yeah, I heard he will be coming on board — not official yet."

A source tells Metro sports writer Tony Williams that the deal should be made official within a day or two.

The big question still remains whether the hiring of Jackson will affect Anthony's decision to stay with the team. He can opt out at the end of the season and become an unrestricted free agent.

"I don't think it'll have any effect on me, just as far as what I'm thinking or my decision or anything like that," Anthony told reporters. "Like I said, I haven't talked to Phil yet, just to get his insight on a lot of things ... because everything's in his hands now."



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The 'B' is back

### Giants re-sign linebacker Beason

The Giants turned around a dismal 2013 season after trading for Carolina linebacker Jon Beason.

After starting the season 0-6, including a loss in Beason's debut, the defense really turned things around with the addition of the new leader on defense. Beason, 29, finished the season with 93 tackles in 11 games for New York. The Giants went 7-4 with Beason on the team.

In more worrying news, Justin Tuck and Terrell Thomas both visited Oakland Wednesday. Tuck, the captain of the defense, was told to explore free agency. **METRO**

On an island

### Revis signs with Patriots

With a \$1.5 million bonus approaching, the Buccaneers cut bait

with former Jets All-Pro cornerback Darrelle Revis on Wednesday.

And the rival Patriots swooped in to make a one-year, \$12 million deal with Revis before the day was out, according to multiple reports.

The Patriots lost top cornerback Aqib Talib to Denver on Tuesday. He signed a six-year deal with the Broncos.

The Bucs explored trading Revis — who they signed to a six-year, \$96 million deal just last summer after trading a first-round pick to the Jets — but could not get what they desired. The deal with Tampa Bay did not include any guaranteed money, so they are free of any obligations to Revis.

Revis was drafted by the Jets in 2007 out of Pittsburgh

and established a reputation as the league's top cornerback. He made five Pro Bowls and is a three-time All Pro. He made He tore his ACL in 2012 and never played for the Jets again. **MARK OSBORNE**



REVIS ENJOYED HIS TIME WITH  
REX RYAN, BUT A REUNION WAS  
NOT IN THE OFFING.

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## NHL power rankings | by Rich Slate

No. 1

### Blues (44-14-7)

As predicted, the Blues are even better with Ryan Miller in net. The Western Conference is stacked, but at the moment, the Blues are two points ahead of Anaheim for first place. St. Louis' goal differential is an NHL-best plus-65, which is close to insane. The Blues are 7-2-1 in their last 10 games and are 4-1 since they acquired Miller from the Sabres at the trade deadline last week.



No. 4

### Bruins (42-17-5)

The Bruins won their previous five games heading into Wednesday night and have all but wrapped up the Atlantic Division.



No. 5

### 'Hawks (38-13-14)

Chicago has scored an NHL-best 223 goals and is 6-3-1 in the last 10 games. The Blackhawks are just biding time until the playoffs.



No. 7

### Sharks (39-17-7)

Tuesday night's 6-2 white-washing of Toronto was the perfect send-off for their three-game road trip against Eastern teams.



No. 8

### Kings (38-22-6)

When you have won your last eight games it's easy to forget weaknesses (goal-scoring). The Kings have a five-game homestand starting Thursday.



No. 10

### Canadiens (34-24-7)

Canada's gold medal at the Sochi Olympics seemed to come at a major cost for the Canadiens: Carey Price hasn't played since.



No. 13

### Stars (32-23-10)

The Stars emotionally bounced back with a thrilling, 3-2, overtime win over St. Louis Tuesday — a day after Rich Peverley collapsed.



No. 14

### Rangers (35-27-4)

The race to second place in the Metropolitan Division is one of the more random entertaining subplots in the NHL this season.



No. 2

### Ducks (43-15-7)

When you are 4-4-2 in your last 10 games and three points behind St. Louis, you get bumped down.



No. 3

### Penguins (44-17-4)

For one night the Bruins were a point ahead of the Penguins. Since then, Pittsburgh swept a back-to-back with Washington.



No. 6

### Avalanche (42-18-5)

The Avalanche will probably finish third in the Central, but it's not crazy to think they could reach the Cup Final.



No. 9

### Wild (34-22-9)

The Wild seem to be the Atlanta Hawks of the NHL; good enough to make the playoffs but unable to make noise.



No. 12

### Lightning (34-24-7)

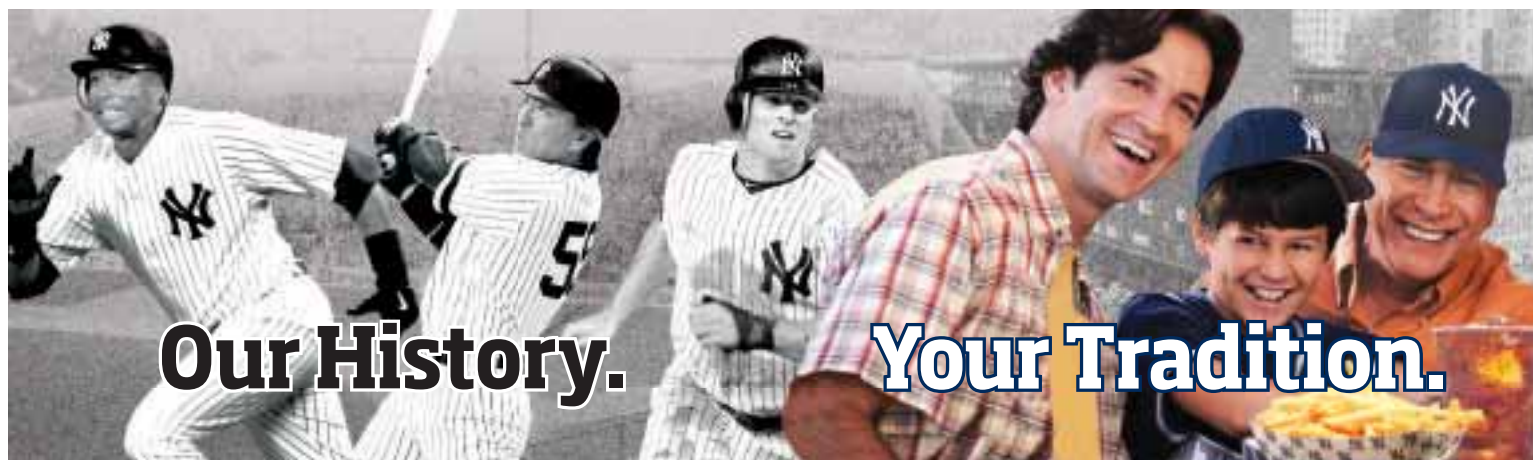
Steven Stamkos has been rusty, but that's no excuse for his teammates. Tampa Bay is 2-6-2 in its last 10 games.



No. 15

### Jackets (34-26-5)

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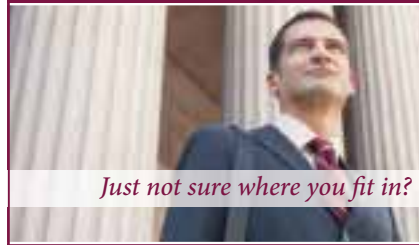
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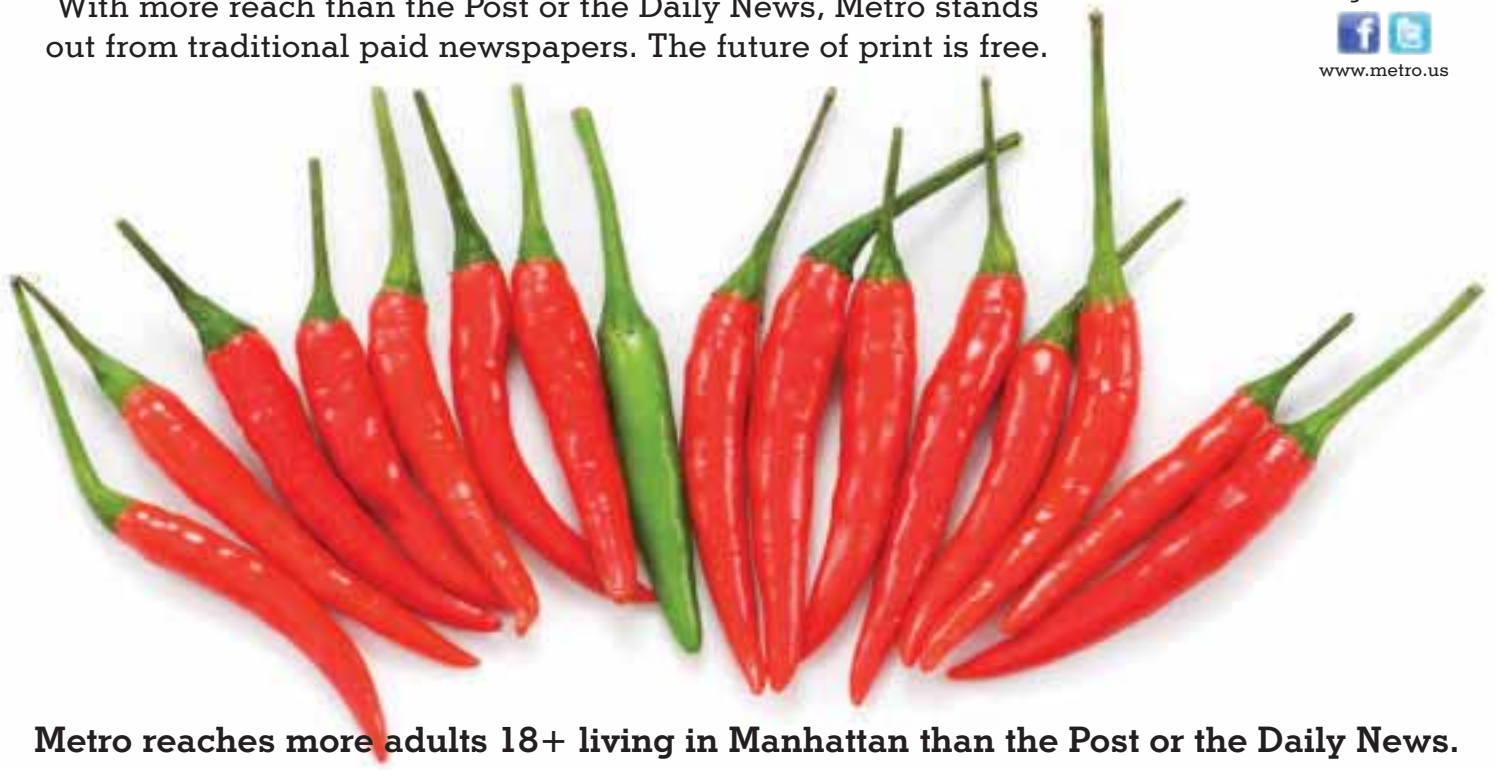
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